

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An adapter comprising:
 - a substantially hollow member having an outer surface, a posterior [inner shaft] interior wall having a posterior inner diameter and an anterior inner surface having an anterior inner diameter;
 - an anterior inner threaded surface extending at least a portion of the anterior inner surface;
 - an anterior outer threaded surface extending about at least a portion of the anterior inner surface;
 - a posterior sealing portion; and
 - one or more ports positioned on the hollow member for allowing flow from the inner surface to the outer surface.
2. (Original) The adapter according to claim 1 further comprising a backflow preventer for preventing flow from returning through the posterior sealing portion.
3. (Original) The adapter according to claim 2 wherein the backflow preventer further comprises a threaded portion for threadedly engaging with the anterior inner threaded surface.
4. (Original) The adapter according to claim 1 wherein the posterior sealing portion further comprises a gasket.
5. (Original) The adapter according to claim 1 wherein the anterior outer threaded surface further comprises an anterior gasket for sealingly engaging with a faucet head.

6. (Original) An adaptive fitting for connecting a valve to a water hydrant, the fitting comprising:
 - a fitting body having a first end and a second end, the fitting body defining an inner passageway extending from the first end to the second end;
 - a valve engaging portion disposed on the first end of the fitting body, the valve engaging portion having a threaded region for threadably engaging a threaded set of a valve;
 - a sealing portion disposed on the second end of the fitting body; and
 - one or more ports disposed about or near the first end of the fitting body for allowing flow there through.
7. (Original) The fitting according to claim 6 further comprising a backflow preventer for preventing flow from returning through the sealing portion.
8. (Original) The fitting according to claim 7 wherein the backflow preventer further comprises a threaded portion for threadably engaging with the valve engaging portion.
9. (Original) The fitting according to claim 6 wherein the sealing portion further comprises a gasket.
10. (Original) The fitting according to claim 6 wherein the first end further comprises a hydrant engaging portion for securing the fitting to a hydrant.
11. (Original) The fitting according to claim 10 wherein the hydrant engaging portion further comprises a gasket for sealingly engaging with a faucet head.